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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1823

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SUBJ: STILL WAITING FOR A GOVERNMENT

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1. PRESIDENT DAOUD DISSOLVED HIS CABINET ALMOST
THREE WEEKS AGO, AND INTEREST AND SPECULATION
MOUNT AS TIME PASSES AND STILL NO ANNOUNCEMENT
IS MADE OF A REPLACEMENT. MANY BELIEVE NOW DAOUD'S
ANNOUNCPMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE EVE OF THE NEW
AFGHAN YEAR, MARCH 21.

2. SINCE THE NEW AFGHAN CONSTITUTION STATES THAT
APPOINTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (OF VICE PRESIDENTS) MUST
BE DRAWN FROM NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, ONE
REASON FOR DAOUD'S WAITING MAY BE NEED TO PROCLAIM
PARTY APPARATUS AND ITS MEMBERS PRIOR TO CABINET
ANNOUNCEMENT. OTHERS SPECULATE THAT CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT
IS BUT ONE PIECE OF A COMPLEX OF ARRANGEMENTS
THAT WILL INCLUDE PARTY JOBS FOR THE ALSO-RANS
AND SINECURES FOR PERSONS OF CONSEQUENCE WHO
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ARE NOT TAPPED FOR IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT JOBS.
RUMORS ABOUND ALSO OF EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION.

3. THOUGH INTEREST IS HIGH, AFGHANS DO NOT SEEM
TROUBLED BY HIATUS IN GOVERNMENT. FOR THE MOST
PART AFGHANS ACROSS THE BOARD ARE STILL IN STATE

OF PLEASURE AND RELIEF OVER DAOUD'S HAVING DISSOLVED CENTRAL
COMMITTEE AND HALTED MARTIAL LAW. GENERAL AIR
OF RELAXATION IS PALPABLE.

4. CYNICS ASSERT DAOUD MAPPED HIS NEXT MOVE
WEEKS IN ADVANCE, AND IS ONLY WAITING FOR THE
RIGHT TIME FOR A DRAMTIC ANNOUNCEMENT. OTHERS
SUSPECT HEAVY POLITICKING IS IN PROGRESS, WITH
DAOUD ACUTELY AWARE HIS NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE
TAKEN AS AUGURY FOR JUST WHAT KIND OF "REPUBLIC"
IS PLANNED -- MILD AND RESPONSIVE, HARSH AND
DEMANDING. IN SPECIFIC TERMS WE ARE CERTAIN OF
ONLY ONE THING: ONE MAN ONLY KNOWS WHAT IS TO
HAPPEN NEXT, AND HE'S NOT YET SAYING.

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